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SOCHI BOOST FOR SQUASH OLYMPIC BID

WSF President N Ramachandran, who attended the Sochi Winter Olympic Games as the newly-elected President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), is encouraged by the IOC vision to introduce new sports to the Summer Games programme "sooner rather than later".

Ramachandran, who led the Squash bid to be added the 2020 Olympic Games programme in Buenos Aires last September, was elected President of the Indian Olympic Association during February.

Subsequent to the election, the ban imposed on the IOA was lifted during the Sochi Games - and, at the Invitation of the International Olympic Committee, Ramachandran travelled to Sochi to raise the Indian tricolour at the Athletes' village in the presence of Patrick Hickey, President European Olympic Committees and Executive Board member of the IOC.



Vladimir Putin hosted a dinner for all the Heads of the National Olympic Committees, at which IOC President Thomas Bach introduced Ramachandran to the Russian President (as pictured above).

"Naturally, I was able to use my opportunities in Sochi to continue my quest to secure a place for Squash on the Olympic Programme, and it is clear that the IOC do have a vision that enables new sports to be admitted sooner rather than later," said Ramachandran.

"Knowing this, I will definitely not let up in my efforts."



POLAND HOSTS WSF COACHING CONFERENCE

WSF has appointed the Polish city of Krakow to host the 2014 WSF Development & Coaching Conference. Incorporating a progression theme, the title for the biennial four-day international gathering is *'From Talent to Excellence'*. The event will take place from 25-28 June and will feature presentations from world class coaches and players.

The Conference is being held in conjunction with the Polish League Finals, an international all-glass court event held in a square of the historic city (pictured).

Welcoming the opportunity for a large number of Polish coaches to join with international attendees, Polish Squash Federation Director of Sport Maciej Klis said: "Squash is the fastest-growing of all sports in Poland and it is important for us to have the opportunity to host top overseas players at our Finals, and now to interact with the cream of coaches in the world to help widen our knowledge and skills.

Important step

"This WSF Conference is a very important step for the Polish coach education system where the numbers and quality has grown rapidly in the last couple of years."

WSF Chief Executive Andrew Shelley added: "We look forward to finalising a world class programme for the Conference, to stimulate the attendees. Furthermore, the event will give the opportunity for many worldwide coaches to visit Krakow for the first time - and that will be a memorable experience in itself too!"

Coaches wishing to attend can find the details at www.worldsquash.org/ws/coaching-development/cc2014

PENANG TO HOST WOMEN'S WORLD SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Malaysian state of Penang is hosting the delayed 2013 Women's World Squash Championship following an agreement concluded by WSA.

The main draw of the event, boasting a \$120,000 prize-fund, will get underway on 17 March at the Nicol David International Squash Centre - with the later rounds staged on an all-glass showcourt at the 10,000-seater Penang International Sports Arena.

It will be the third time in the 35-year history of this WSF title that the WSA's premier event has been staged in Malaysia - but the first time in Penang, the home of defending champion Nicol David, the world number one.



Penang, which hosted the Women's World Junior Championships in 2001, has a great tradition of developing squash talent. Not only is the island David's birthplace, but also that of women's world No6 Low Wee Wern and men's star Ong Beng Hee.

"The Penang State government has really made this a special moment for me and also Low Wee Wern - having the World Championship in our very own hometown in Penang," said David. "This support by them taking a huge role in hosting the 2013 World Championship is truly amazing. I'm looking forward to sharing my hometown with the top WSA players from all over the world".

The 2014 Women's World Championship will take place later in the year - full details of which are expected to be announced in due course.

WSF APPROVED RACKETS



QATAR TO HOST 2014 MEN'S WORLD SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2014 Men's World Squash Championship will be held in Qatar from November 14 – 21.

It will be the fourth time the Middle Eastern nation has hosted the most prestigious event in the squash calendar, having begun their association with the World Championship in 1998 with further events following in 2004 and 2012.

Taking place at the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex, the 2014 World Championship will see the world's best players descend on Doha for a week-long squash extravaganza, playing for the title held by England's Nick Matthew.

Nabeel Ali Bin Ali, President of the Qatar Squash Federation said: *"World Class squash and Qatar have become synonymous with each other in recent years and we are pleased to be able to continue our long association with the World Championships in 2014."*

"We look forward to working with the PSA and all players throughout the coming months to help us put on the best show possible and ensure that the 2014 World Squash Championship is one that delivers on all expectations."

Further information about the event will be available on the Qatar Squash Federation website (www.qatarsquash.com) and the PSA World Tour website (www.psaworldtour.com) later in the year.



Official WSF Magazine

Nick Matthew reveals his remaining targets in squash after winning a third world title and regaining the world no. 1 ranking.

Also, Sarah-Jane Perry talks about her comeback from a worrying back injury and her impressive return to the WSA Tour. For these features and more, please click here:

<http://www.squashplayer.co.uk/features/features.htm>

WSA MARKS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The Women's Squash Association (WSA) is marking the 30th anniversary of its formation with celebrations at the British Open in May and the US Open later in the year.

Founded in February 1984 at the Belfast Boat Club in Ireland, the originally-named Women's Squash Players' Association (WSPA) boasted 23 members and elected New Zealander Robyn Blackwood as its Chairwoman and Australia's Rae Anderson as Secretary/Treasurer.



The first WSPA World Ranking list was topped by Kiwi Susan Devoy - who

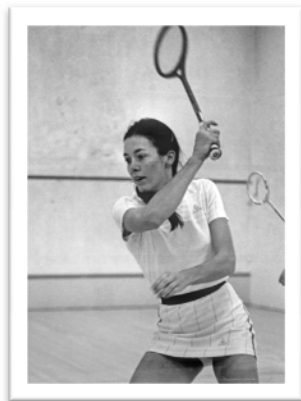
went on to achieve an unprecedented 105 months as the women's world number one.

The Association later changed its name to the Women's International Squash Players' Association (WISPA), before being re-launched as the Women's Squash Association (WSA) in 2012.

Over the past 30 years, the Association has attracted some 5,000 players from all corners of the globe who have competed in more than 1,200 events on the international Tour.

12 players - from six countries (New Zealand, Australia, England, USA, Netherlands and Malaysia) - have topped the world rankings over the three decades, with reigning world number one Nicol David holding the title since August 2006!

From a Groundswell



Founder Chairwoman Robyn Blackwood (left) was delighted to hear of the latest milestone: "Thirty years ago there was a groundswell of support from players for a professional association and importantly, a world ranking system for women squash players that was current," said

the former world No3.

"It was a buoyant and exciting time in squash with significant numbers of professional players and circuits around the world to compete on. The establishment of WSPA was the next logical step. We established the world rankings, and the associated systems, very shortly after our inaugural meeting at the Belfast Boat Club. "It is great to hear that WSA is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Congratulations to all those who have been a part of its success."

Current WSA President Kasey Brown added: "All professional women squash players should be proud of the growth that the Association has achieved over the past three decades and we are indebted to players like Robyn and Rae for their foresight back in the 1980s".

AISTS RESEARCH REFEREE SYSTEM

WSF appointed the AISTS www.aists.org to conduct research destined to provide recommendations for squash's refereeing system.

The objective for World Squash was to try and ensure that enough new referees are progressing to the international refereeing system with the desired level of expertise, and therefore help encourage more players and ex-players to become qualified referees.



The results of the survey, completed by squash players, referees and national federations combined with the study of two other international sports federations, indicated possible directions for future development of the World Squash refereeing system.

The recommendations given to World Squash focussed on four identified areas: administration, education, communication and rewards. Furthermore an emphasis was put firstly, on differentiating refereeing levels (elite versus grassroots), and secondly, on the different phases of the refereeing life cycle (Recruitment > Retention > Development > Retirement).

The many recommendations have been attentively considered by the WSF Referees Committee.

New Director

Meanwhile, PSA have announced that former professional player and England High Performance Squash Coach Lee Drew has been appointed as the PSA's Referee and Refereeing Director.

The newly created position will see Drew, who reached a career high 45 in the World Rankings, combine his work with England's elite players with developing enhanced assessment methods to aid the improvement of refereeing standards across the PSA World Tour.

BOLIVIA – NO COURTS, FIRST MEDAL!



February saw Bolivia enter their first international event – even before the first court has been built in the country! They took eleven players to the South

American Junior Championship in Asuncion, Paraguay - and came away with a medal.

As coach Rene Cervantes Mendez explained, 'Bolivia will host the ODESUR games in 2018 and this is the opportunity to ask to the Bolivian government the making of squash courts'. Adapted racquetball courts have been used, but their initiatives are bearing fruit with squash courts on the way and a national federation being formed.

WSA ELECTS NEW BOARD

Australia's world No11 Kasey Brown has been elected President of a new Board of Directors of WSA in January at their AGM held during the J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions in New York.

"As the newly-appointed President of WSA, I would just like to say what an honour it is to represent the players and I am committed to doing everything I can to promote the tour and women's squash," said the US-based 28-year-old from New South Wales (pictured).



The new WSA Board comprises Ashley Bernhard (USA), Kasey Brown (President, Australia), Nathan Dugan (USA), Jenny Duncalf (England), Marjolein Houtsma (Netherlands), Latasha Khan (Chairman, USA) and Laura Massaro (England).

"These Directors offer a variety of skills and qualifications and I look forward to working with them to make decisions on behalf of the players and for the good of the Association," continued former world No5 Brown.

"We will continue the WSA vision to *Inspire; Empower; and Entertain*: Inspire future female generations to embrace squash as a professional sport; Empower girls and women on and off the court; and entertain the world."

WSA has also reached an agreement with NextSquash to provide support to the association at both strategic and operational level.

The appointment of NextSquash, is led by former Dutch champion Tommy Berden. WSA's Latasha Khan commented: "NextSquash has a wealth of squash knowledge and an extensive network within the global squash community. They know how to run events at all levels and can contribute a great deal to our association. We are excited to work with them as we continue the WSA vision to Inspire; Empower; and Entertain while strengthening our tour."

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NEW WSF EYEWEAR POSTER APPEARS

In order to minimise the small danger of eye injury to youngsters WSF makes the wearing of suitable protective eyewear mandatory for juniors, as well as encouraging players of all ages to consider doing so. To help promote awareness of eye protection still further we have produced this scalable poster that can be downloaded by centres and placed on court doors, notice boards or in changing rooms.

It can be found at:

<http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/resources/eyewear-poster>

National Federations have been offered the opportunity to have the wording translated into their language and their own logo included so that they can circulate it themselves as a joint initiative too.



REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

As agreed in early 2013 with the cooperation and understanding of PSA and WSA, the protected date system has been expanded in a trial that began this year.

There are designated periods during which it is highly recommended that regional and national championships are held so that regions and nations can have certainty about player participation that is not possible at other times. Players can also commit knowing that there will be no conflicting events.

In outline, in 2014 the protected weeks are:

National Championships: 7 days from second Monday in February and June

Regional Championships: 7 days from the last Monday in April*

*Where there is regional agreement that one of the designated National Championship weeks is not used then an additional Regional Championship can be held then, of course.

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ATHLETE BIOLOGICAL PASSPORT (ABP)

There have been quite a lot of mentions of ABP recently, so what is it?

The fundamental principle of the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) is to monitor selected variables ('biomarkers of doping') over time that indirectly reveal the effect of doping, as opposed to the traditional direct detection of doping by analytical doping controls

The ABP is currently composed of two modules:

- The *Haematological Module*, introduced in December 2009, aims to identify enhancement of oxygen transport, including use of erythropoiesis-stimulating agents and any form of blood transfusion or manipulation.
- The *Steroidal Module*, which was introduced on 1st January 2014, aims to identify endogenous anabolic androgenic steroids when administered exogenously (i.e. not created by the human body) and other anabolic agents, such as selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMS).

The Haematological Module considers a panel of biomarkers of blood doping that are measured in an athlete's blood sample. The Steroidal Module considers a panel of biomarkers of steroid doping measured in an athlete's urine sample.

The objective of integrating the ABP into the larger framework of a robust anti-doping program is twofold:

- 1) To identify and target athletes for specific analytical testing by intelligent and timely interpretation of passport data;
- 2) To pursue more effectively pursue possible anti-doping rule violations (ADRVs).

Does the ABP replace traditional doping control?

No. The fight against doping relies on several strategies, including the direct testing of athletes as well as evidence gathered in the context of non-analytical anti-doping rule violations. By combining these strategies, and seeking new ones to address emerging threats, the global fight against doping is more effective.

The typical doping control approach based on the detection of prohibited substances or their metabolites in an athlete's sample is an effective approach; however it has limitations when an athlete may be using substances on an intermittent and/or low-dose basis. Furthermore, new substances or modifications of prohibited substances (e.g. designer drugs) may be difficult to detect by conventional analytical means. In recent years, doping regimes have become much more scientifically planned and have taken advantage of the weaknesses in traditional protocols. The ABP complements the traditional anti-doping testing approach to enhance the cost-efficiency of anti-doping programs.

CABALLERO APPOINTED YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES AMBASSADOR



Squash player Nicolas Caballero has been appointed Paraguay's Youth Olympic Games Ambassador.

The announcement was made by the IOC, which published a list of over 100 inspiring young people who will serve as Young Ambassadors for the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

Teenager Caballero was a bronze medallist in the Pan

American Games Men's Doubles Squash event in Guadalajara in 2011. The 19-year-old from the Paraguay capital Asuncion topped that with consecutive individual bronze medals in the South American and Pan American junior championships - then claimed a Silver medal in Paraguay's first appearance in the Bolivarian Games last November.

The Young Ambassadors will gather in Nanjing from 25/28 March for a four-day seminar, when they will be briefed on their role, test out workshops and activities that will be available to the athletes during Games times and experience Chinese culture.

NEW!

The CHILD-FRIENDLY BAT for future RACQUET CHAMPIONS

EzeeBat is a new, innovative, technically sound pre-racquet sports development product, helping to make learning and playing racquet sports accessible and safe for children aged 2 – 7 years.

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WORLD RANKINGS



Serme & Au On The Rise

Whilst Malaysian Nicol David continues to head an unchanged top five, France's Camille Serme (pictured) and Hong Kong's Annie Au record notable rises in the top 10 of the March WSA Women's World Squash Rankings.



Serme, winner of a sixth successive French national title last month, moves up to No6 - boosted by a surprise semi-final berth in January's Tournament of Champions.

Hong Kong No1 Au also moved up two positions - to No8 - to mark her best ranking since 2012.

Nicol David marks her 92nd successive month as world number one, ahead of England's Laura Massaro at two; Egyptian Raneem El Welily at No3; England's British national champion Alison Waters at four; and New Zealander Joelle King in fifth place.

March top 20 (inc. points average):

1	Nicol David	MAS	3,248
2	Laura Massaro	ENG	2,166
3	Raneem El Welily	EGY	1,440
4	Alison Waters	ENG	1,243
5	Joelle King	NZL	1,155
6	Camille Serme	FRA	875
7	Low Wee Wern	MAS	792
8	Madeline Perry	IRL	743
9	Annie Au	HKG	743
10	Jenny Duncalf	ENG	741
11	Dipika Pallikal	IND	601
12	Natalie Grinham	NED	574
13	Omneya Abdel Kawy	EGY	570
14	Kasey Brown	AUS	567
15	Rachael Grinham	AUS	490
16	Sarah-Jane Perry	ENG	458
17	Amanda Sobhy	USA	443
18	Nour El Tayeb	EGY	380
19	Joshana Chinappa	IND	373
20	Nicolette Fernandes	GUY	363



Matthew Remains On Top

Nick Matthew, winner of February's Swedish Open, has maintained his status as squash's World No.1 in the March PSA World Tour Rankings, remaining on top for the third consecutive month.



Matthew's Swedish Open triumph sees him regain exclusive rights on the crown after occupying the No.1 rank alongside French star Gregory Gaultier (pictured) in February, the first time in rankings history that two men have held the No.1 ranking simultaneously.

That move sees Gaultier drop back to second in the rankings while Egyptian Ramy Ashour leapfrogs compatriot Mohamed Elshorbagy to re-take third place on the roster while Spanish champion Borja Golan maintains his career high No.6 ranking.

Egyptian legend Amr Shabana has moved up two places to seventh in the rankings after winning the TOC in New York in January.

March top 20 (inc. Points average)

1	Nick Matthew	ENG	1339.500
2	Gregory Gaultier	FRA	1239.000
3	Ramy Ashour	EGY	1066.500
4	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY	1009.500
5	James Willstrop	ENG	845.500
6	Borja Golan	ESP	659.500
7	Amr Shabana	EGY	610.500
8	Karim Darwish	EGY	607.500
9	Peter Barker	ENG	591.500
10	Daryl Selby	ENG	485.000
11	Simon Rosner	GER	438.500
12	Tarek Momen	EGY	411.500
13	Omar Mossad	EGY	377.273
14	Miguel Angel Rodriguez	COL	363.500
15	Cameron Pilley	AUS	341.000
16	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY	318.500
17	Lauren Jan Anjema	NED	317.273
18	Saurav Ghosal	IND	297.000
19	Alister Walker	BOT	290.455
20	Adrian Grant	ENG	253.182

JORDANIAN AND EGYPTIAN HEAD RANKINGS

Perhaps the most striking feature of the latest WSF World Junior Circuit ranking list, released in February, is not the names of the players but the names of the nations they represent. The Junior Men's listing features no less than nine countries in the top ten – with every continent being included – while the female listing has seven countries in the top ten.

Jordanian Ahmad Al-Saraj heads the male chart, boosted by his winning the British Junior Open, beating South American champion Diego Elias in the final, the Peruvian also in 2nd place in the ranking.

They are followed by Pakistani Tayyab Aslam and Egyptian World Junior Champion Karim El Hammamy in third and fourth places respectively.



(Adel and Al Saraj, above).

On the female side Egypt dominate, holding the top trio of places. World Junior Champion Nour El Sherbini heads the field, with the British Junior Open finalists following. Yathreb Adel took that title and second place, while the girl she beat, Mariam Metwally is one place lower.

European number one Nele Gilis (Belgium) and Australian rising star Jessica Turnbull follow.

Men's top 10:

1	Ahmad Al-Saraj (JOR)	134.33
2	Diego Elias (PER)	109.33
3	Tayyab Aslam (PAK)	88.33
4	Karim El Hammamy (EGY)	83.33
5	Lyell Fuller (ENG)	64.33
6	Angus Gillams (ENG)	59.33
7	Daniel Poleshchuk (ISR)	55.00
8	Sam Ejtemai (AUS)	51.00
9	Kush Kumar (IND)	50.00
10	David Ryan (IRL)	49.33

Women's top 10:

1	Nour El Sherbini (EGY)	133.33
2	Yathreb Adel (EGY)	115.00
3	Mariam Ibrahim Metwally (EGY)	86.00
4	Nele Gilis (BEL)	76.00
5	Jessica Turnbull (AUS)	70.00
6	Cristina Gomez Jimenez (ESP)	66.67
7	Tze Lok Ho (HKG)	60.33
8	Karolina Holinkova (CZE)	59.33
9	Marie Stephan (FRA)	57.67
10	Nouran Gohar (EGY)	56.67

World Junior Circuit events: March / April:

March

6 - 10	<i>Qatar Junior Open</i>
7 - 9	<i>Slovenian Junior Open</i>
14 - 16	<i>German Junior Open</i>

April

12 - 15	<i>European Junior Individual</i>
18 - 21	<i>Australian Junior Open</i>
25 - 27	<i>Luxembourg Junior Open</i>

SPIN GENERAL INFORMATION

For players, All players who wish to play in all World Individual and Team Championships, Regional Championships and World Junior Circuit events at all age levels will need to be registered. They will then be provided with their SPIN (Squash Player Identification Number), which stays with them for life.

For individual events where national federations enter their players they will do so using the SPIN of the players. Similarly, in those events where players enter themselves e.g. World Masters, they will do so using their SPIN.

For team events of all ages competing in World and Regional Championships, member Nations will enter their teams into the event using the on-line system. Squad and Team submissions would also be made on-line.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Any player, irrespective of age, can register themselves or their federation can do so on their behalf by completing the on-line registration form. They should also let their national federation know that they are doing so.

The current SPIN registration fee - paid on-line - is a once only lifetime fee of GBP10.00 (not annual).

Notes:

Half of all the fees paid by the players (or Member Nations on their behalf) will be split equally between the five Regional Federations to help fund development initiatives.

Tournament Planner software is used to take entries for National Junior Open events, with players at Under-19 level able to claim World Junior Circuit ranking points.

WHERE DO PLAYERS REGISTER?

Simply go to www.worldsquash.org/spin

MEMBER NATION LOGIN



Separately, all WSF member nations have their login so that they can view all registrations from their country, enter WSF Championships and do so for forthcoming WSF individual events in due course.

WORLD MASTERS ENTRIES FLOOD IN



HONG KONG 2014

Over four hundred and fifty players are already entered for the World Masters 2014 in the five year bands right through from Over-35 to Over-80, and you can do so too. To enter the event which runs from 4 – 11

July go to: <http://www.worldmasterssquash.com.hk/>

The entry deadline is 23rd May.

If you want a tilt at a title, to enjoy competing, or to combine the event with a holiday then get your entry in now!

You may be the star or play against one, but you can be sure that Hong Kong is a memorable place for what will surely be a memorable week of squash!

NAMIBIA PREPARES TO WELCOME THE WORLD



There are twenty three nations competing in the WSF Men's World Junior Team Championship for the title held by Egypt who won it in Qatar two years ago, with all continents being represented.

Before the Junior Men's Team Championship gets underway in Namibian capital Windhoek from 16 – 21 August are the male and female individual events, on 10 – 15 August. Entry forms will be published in March and sent to all member Federations. (Entries can only be made by Federations on behalf of the players, not by the players themselves).



(Namibian Juniors look forward to competing)

For family and friends who may want to enjoy great squash and spectacular Namibia, championship information can be found at <http://www.wsfworldjuniors.com/>

STOP PRESS

WSF Women's World Team Championship....

When the action gets underway in the WSF Women's World Team Championship at Niagara-on-the-Lake between 1-6 December, twenty nations will be battling for the title. Entries have just closed and details of who they are will be announced shortly. The superbly appointed White Oaks Hotel & Resort plays host to the Championship.

CERTIFIED EYEWEAR BRANDS 2014

The following brands have passed national safety standards and, having applied for WSF Certified listing, are the only brands permitted for use in WSF, Regional and many national junior events.

When buying new products look for the *WSF Certified Tested* logo on them. Brands that become certified will be added to the WSF website and featured in Instant Updates.

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WSF MEMBER SURVEY SNAPSHOT

As part of the information received from nearly eighty nations on our sport in the latest WSF survey of member nations, 95% of nations reported that there is either stability or growth in their playing numbers.

72% confirm growth in their junior numbers too.

Thank you to all nations who provided information on refereeing, coaching and other data.

SNIPPETS

Rocket Rod's Squash Secret

There is a 30 min show each week on ABC Australia called "Australian Story". Tennis legend Rod Laver was featured recently, and in the telling of his life story Laver explained said that he was never without a squash ball in his pocket to help strengthen his wrist!



Laureus a perfect match for PSA

PSA have announced a new partnership for 2014 with the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation, one of the biggest global sports charities in the world.

The agreement will see Laureus, through their Sport for Good Foundation, become the PSA's official charity partner working together to utilise sport's positive power to further social change and promote community sports development.

Both organisations will collaborate with squash charities and initiatives around the world to help promote healthy living, learning and integrity for those in underprivileged areas in what is Laureus's first ever partnership with a sporting governing body.

As part of the partnership, squash stars Nicol David, the women's World No.1 and Nick Matthew, reigning men's World No.1, have become the latest Laureus Sport for Good Foundation Ambassadors

Natalie Grinham Expecting



Natalie Grinham will be putting her professional squash career on hold again as the squash star from the Netherlands has just announced that she is pregnant with her second child. Grinham gave birth to her first child (Kieran) in May

2010 and in 2011 she made a successful comeback by becoming Dutch National Champion, European Champion, as well as taking a bronze medal at the Women's World Open in Rotterdam

Nick Rider Leaves ESR

England Squash & Racketball Chief Executive Nick Rider has chosen to step down from his role after 11 years.

Rider, who is leaving to pursue new professional opportunities, has led the organisation through a time of growth for the sports at both grassroots and elite level. During this time ESR has launched a number of successful participation initiatives and developed strong relationships with key partners in the market such as universities, local authorities and squash centre operators.

Warnings

1. A coach was recently offered the position of a "Squash Consultant" in Lomé, Togo. He checked with his Department for Foreign Affairs in the country whether it was legitimate and was informed that this job offer was an attempt to defraud.
2. An Email supposedly from the Nigerian Squash Association requesting that countries hosts a training camp for the national squad is equally fraudulent. The clue is 'Federation' in the Email address in the Email address, but do check any doubtful communication against the WSF Directory on the WSF website: http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/140116_WSF-Directory-January-2014.pdf



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